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FM AMEMBASSY BAMA KO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAMA KO 1648

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, SF, WA, ML

SUBJ: DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA

REF: STATE 078517, BAMA KO 1445

1. AMBASSADOR INFORMED FRG AMBASSADOR HANS SCHRAEPLER  
APRIL 19 AND FRENCH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES PIERRE CORNEE  
APRIL 21 OF BRIEFING GIVEN MALIAN SECRETARY GENERAL,  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON APRIL 8 CONCERNING  
FIVE-POWER DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA (BAMA KO  
1445).

2. GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN WERE  
TO MENTION MATTER INFORMALLY AS OCCASION ARISES, WHICH  
HE HAS STILL TO DO.

3. FRENCH CHARGE'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO BRIEF MALIAN  
FOREIGN MINISTRY FORMALLY. ACCORDINGLY, HE SAW HALIDOU  
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TOURE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON APRIL 13,  
DESCRIBING APPROACH AND STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF FIVE-  
POWER ACTION. TOURE RESPONDED THAT ONE COULD ONLY BE  
PLEASED BY DEMARCHE, PROVIDED IT WERE ACTIVELY PURSUED  
AND BROUGHT FRUITFUL RESULTS SOON. OTHERWISE, HE SAID,  
THE SITUATION COULD ONLY LEAD TO WAR, WHICH NOBODY WANTED.

4. COMMENT. TOURE'S REACTION IS FIRST TIME FRENCH CHARGE OR WE HAVE EVER HEARD HIM TAKE LINE THAT WAR WAS TO BE AVOIDED. UNLIKE SEYDOU TRAORE (BAMAKO 1445), TOURE IS A MEMBER OF RADICAL WING OF FOREIGN OFFICE AND HAS ALWAYS SAID THAT ONLY SOLUTION LEFT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WAS RESORT TO MILITARY FORCE. CORNEE SPECULATED THAT ERUPTION IN ZAIRE AND VILENCE IN CONGO AND HORN WERE CAUSING RADICAL MALIANS TO REFLECT. WE THINK ALSO THAT PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE'S RELATIVELY MODERATE LINE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA MAY BE HAVING SOME EFFECT ON SUBORDINATES.  
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